

W. C. T. U. Column.



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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:

Total Abstinence: Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection: Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

Woman's Work for Temperance.

When we think of woman's work in any department, we naturally think her work begins in her home and many times we imagine it must be confined to the house. But the home has forever ceased to be the sole sphere of woman's activities. It is the exceptional woman who is not identified with one or more organizations of religious activity or social betterment.

It is in the missionary meeting, the club, the ladies' society, the Sunday School where woman may do most effective temperance work, provided she has the knowledge, the courage and the zeal to improve her opportunities.

With the increasing publicity given to the drunken orgies of men and women on New Year's eve in city restaurants and hotels, it behooves Christian women to maintain a standard in society that shall put beyond the pale of decency any participant in the orgies described by the secular press.

How can this social standard be maintained? That women determine standards in society is beyond question. That Christian women ought to lead in the establishment of right standards is equally unquestionable. Too often the social atmosphere of wealth impregnated with wine and champagne drinking, cigarette smoking and card playing, makes moral cowards of women. They are overcome instead of overcoming, and frequently the cause of this cowardice on the part of women is a lack of specific information necessary to defend her position for total abstinence from alcoholic liquors and other narcotics. There are hundreds of valid reasons, moral, social, economic, physiological and psychological, but she does not know them, or knows them in so vague a way that she is not sure of her ground or the authority she thinks she ought to cite, and so is silent instead of witnessing for righteousness.

While this is not true of all Christian women, it is also the truth concerning untold thousands. For this reason, every missionary society ought to have a temperance secretary, a crank if you please, who will be worthy of the name by turning the thought and attention to this important world-wide question. The Sunday Schools, Young Peoples' Societies, clubs and societies of all kinds that enlist the time and activities of women should have Superintendents of a Temperance department who will really superintend, to the extent that every member receive a printed page, a timely word or interesting live up-to-date item so that conversation will flow easily and intelligently and to some purpose, when the temperance reform is mentioned.—The Amethyst.

It is told of Ben Wade that he once rode horseback to the capitol to find the government. He went to the president, who said, "I am not the government." He went to the Senate and Congress, and they said, "We are not the government." He then went home and called his neighbors into the old school house, and said, "I want to talk to the government." So in church, in Sunday School, we are talking to the government and we say, "Sons and daughters of the most high God, if you love this American republic, silence the liquor traffic which is destroying our American homes."—The Amethyst.

Beer Provokes Strike in Germany.

The brewers, the bartenders and the beer swiggers are locked in mortal combat in Bavaria, the home of innumerable brews. The brewers and the publicans have made a fatal stab into the god-given of "Personal Liberty," and it is reported that the good men of Bavaria have vowed a solemn vow to drink water (think of it!) and naught but water till the increased price on beer shall have again resumed its normal size. It may mean the ruin of ten thousand waiters, deserted by the capacious pantheons of Bavaria's patriotic citizens; it may even mean that a few stray gleams of thought

may penetrate brains long wrapped in the quieting embrace and soporific effects of beer; it may mean the dissolution of the army, for what army can maintain its wonted patriotism on water? More than that, and seriously, it may be the beginning of Germany's emancipation from the long moral sleep of the past century, and may inaugurate the long-delayed total abstinence movement, for which the poor of the Fatherland wait in helpless and unknowing misery.—Herald and Presbyter.

DISCOVER VALUE OF CITY GARBAGE

MISSOURI WATERWAY COMMISSION SAYS PEOPLE OVERLOOK ASSET.

EUROPE UTILIZES WASTE

Germany and France Look to Garbage of Cities as Sole Source of Fertilizing Raw Materials—What Might Be Done in This Country.

"American Waste" is such a common subject in these days of economy and conservative agitation that it requires a link of more than ordinary size to attract the attention of the average American citizen. However, the Missouri Waterway Commission in the report about to be submitted to the legislature is calling attention to a gross waste on the part of the citizens of this state—a waste of a resource which is very little thought of, and about which less is known.

Under the subject of drainage and water supply, the commission has investigated the problem of sewage and garbage disposal. In foreign cities the garbage is an important municipal asset which is carefully watched over by the city government, and each year bids are received by the city for the city's garbage and to the highest bidder is sold the entire right of garbage collection and disposal. The purchaser collects (under bond for failure to do so thoroughly) and pays according to the amount collected.

The statistics gathered during the recent five years at Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen, and other large cities of Germany, show that the garbage nets these municipalities \$9.00 per head for all cities of one hundred thousand population or more. The amount of garbage is greater per head for smaller cities, but reductions plants can not be operated at a very handsome profit on a small scale.

In America the amount of garbage may be said safely to be twice as large per capita as that of European cities. It is an old proverb that two European families can live well on what is wasted by one American family, hence the value of garbage in the larger cities of this country should be far greater per capita than in European cities. The demand for fertilizer (which is the chief product from the reduction of garbage) is not so great in this country as in Europe, but the Waterway Commission has taken this into consideration, and has estimated that the net value of garbage to the cities of this state should be no less than \$7.50 per capita.

There are three cities in the state of over one hundred thousand population and four cities over twenty thousand. These cities aggregate in population nearly one million souls, and the commission estimates that their wastefulness could be turned into an annual revenue of approximately \$5,000,000, provided the wastefulness were checked at the garbage stage and not carried to a point beyond which recovery is impossible.

HARD RAINS NOW LOSS TO FARMERS

A GREAT CHANGE IN AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

Deforestation Prevents Soil From Retaining Excess Moisture—Results in Disastrous Freshets.

In the report of the Missouri Waterway commission, which has been submitted to the state legislature, the attention of our solons has been called to the great change which has taken place in the effect of water upon some of the agricultural lands of this state. The time was when good heavy soaking rains were occurrences devoutly wished for by the farmers, and the breadth of the agricultural smile increased with each additional drop. But that time has passed—the heavy rains now put a deep gloom upon the face of the wise farmer, who goes indoors and turns his back while the havoc is being wrought, instead of watching the pleasant pit-a-pat.

The reason for it has been discovered and a remedy advocated by the Commission. When the hillsides and slopes were covered with trees and heavy grass, the hard rains merely soaked into the soil, being readily retained by the spongy duff and held for future use. It percolated slowly to the stream by seepage, kept the stream flow steadily sustained and maintained the high water level.

Now hillsides and slopes are not covered with trees nor with heavy grass. Prodigious methods of husbandry have denuded hills and prairies alike of the protection formerly afforded by nature. The soft duff and rich black earth has been turned over and over so often through the succeeding seasons that it no longer retains the moisture. The surface soil now not only fails to retain the moisture, but what is more unfortunate, fails to maintain its own position on even the gentlest slopes in the face of the heavy washing rains. The result is that both soil and rainfall are lost—the rain rushes down the hill in heavy freshets, carrying with it the valuable soil covering which can never be replaced.

Dogs in Ecclesiastical Decorations. The stained glass representation of the "Pedler and His Dog," to which attention has been directed by the discovery of a boundary stone of "Pedler's Acre," on the site of the new county hall, was removed from Lambeth church a quarter of a century ago owing to the alleged incongruity of introducing the figure of a dog in a church window. Quite recently Chancellor Prescott of Carlisle refused a faculty for a stained glass window in a Westmoreland church because the design included a dog; and perhaps the only existing examples of dogs used for ecclesiastical decorations are to be found in Lord Browlow's private chapel at Ashbridge. In this church one stained glass window depicts Tobias and Sara in bed and a dog sleeping on the quilt, while in another window Job is shown being mocked by three men, one of whom is holding a dog by a chain.—Westminster Gazette.

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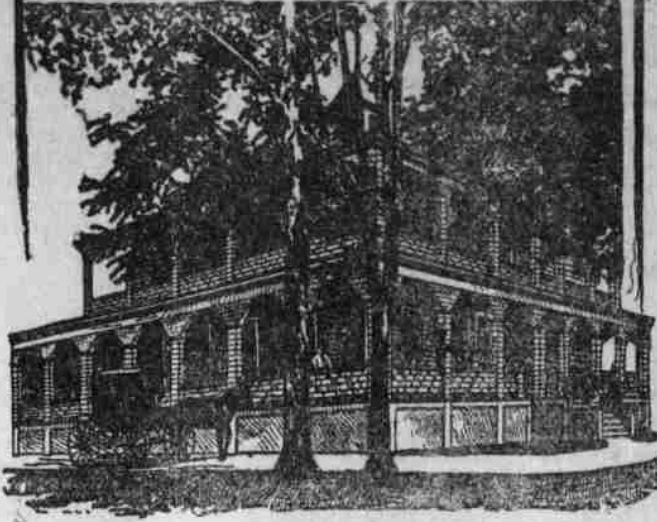
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